

# OELMA Scholarship & Awards Program

## Award Descriptions

**Administrator-of-the-Year Award** recognizes an Ohio school administrator, who has made significant contributions to the planning, implementation, and/or support of school library programs, resulting in improved program quality and increased student learning.

**OELMA's Award-of-Merit** recognizes an Ohio certified library media specialist who has made outstanding contributions to school librarianship. The honoree has demonstrated a long-term commitment to the school library profession, while serving in OELMA leadership roles.

**The Emerging Leader Award** recognizes OELMA members who have recently assumed an OELMA leadership role for the first time. This Award honors members who demonstrate leadership potential and encourages members' active participation in OELMA.

**OELMA's Intellectual Freedom Award** recognizes Ohio school library media specialists and/or other Ohio educators who demonstrate support for the American Library Association's principles of intellectual freedom. Award recipients exhibit a strong commitment to First Amendment values through the active promotion of -- and defense of -- the freedom to read and ALA's principles of intellectual freedom.

**The Libraries of Distinction - District Category Award** recognizes Ohio's exemplary District school library programs, which are staffed by full-time, certified school library/media specialists.

**The Libraries of Distinction - School Category Award** recognizes Ohio's exemplary building-level school libraries, which are staffed by a full-time, certified school library/media specialists.

**OELMA/Follett Library Resources School Librarian-of-the-Year Award** recognizes an Ohio certified library media specialist, who develops an exemplary school library program, collaborates with classroom teachers, implements technology-integrated instruction, demonstrates educational leadership, and advocates for school libraries.

## Scholarship Descriptions

**J. Allen Oakum Scholarship** is \$ 500 stipend awarded to an Ohio resident enrolled in an accredited library school program, who's pursuing certification in school library/media. This scholarship is intended to help defray educational costs for future library media specialists as they complete their studies.

**The OELMA Scholarship** is up to \$ 1,000 stipend awarded to an Ohio resident enrolled in an accredited library school program, who's pursuing certification in school library/media. This scholarship is intended to help defray educational costs for future library media specialists as they complete their studies.